Objectional questions by crank callers at AIDS help line

648. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women counselors at the AIDS help line of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are up against crank callers who ask obscene questions in the name of sex counseling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these counselors have complained that crank callers sometimes ask obscene and objectionable questions which they find difficult to handle; and

(c) if so, the action Government has taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. Some male crank callers tend to ask irrelevant and objectionable questions.

(c) The AIDS Education and Training Cell of AIIMS which runs the helpline has taken the following steps:

- Warn these crank callers that police action will be taken against them;
- Install caller ID phone so that the phone numbers of the crank callers could be noted; and

After taking the above action number of obscene and crank calls have come down significantly.

Naturopathy and yoga

649. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up separate colleges to promote Naturopathy and Yoga in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the present status of the council for Naturopathy and Yoga; and

(e) what steps are taken by Government so far to promote Naturopathy and Yoga in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of the reply to (a) above.

(c) No proposal for setting up new colleges has been received in the Ministry.

(d) The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi is the apex body for research in the Naturopathy and Yoga systems in the country. The CCRYN is implementing the following schemes at present:-

(i) Clinical research Schemes;

(ii) Patient Care Centre Scheme (10);

(iii) Treatment-cum-Propagation Centre Scheme (20 bed Hospital);

(iv) Literary Research/Translation/Publication Schemes;

(v) Seminar/Workshop/Conference;

(vi) Scholarship Scheme to PH.D. candidates;

(vi) Awards to Yoga and Naturopathy experts.

(e) The details of steps taken by the Government to promote Naturopathy and Yoga are given in the statement.

Statement

Details of major steps being taken by the Government of India to promote Naturopathy and Yoga

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1.	Grant-in-aid is being provided under Clinical Research Project Literary Research/Translation/Publication of ancient Naturopathy and Yoga texts and other useful standard literature in various languages. Workshop/Conference/Seminar on various subjects of Yoga and Naturopathy, to Ph.D. scholars to promote higher-education in Yoga and Naturopathy, educational Institutions/Naturopathy and Yoga Hospitals/Trusts/NGOs etc. for conducting Naturopathy Health Education Programme for General Public.
2.	A comprehensive health fair 'Arogya' is being organized in different States to enhance awareness to the general public about AYUSH Systems in which Naturopathy and Yoga are prominently featured.
3.	The Health Care Services to the Public through Yoga and Naturopathy under Patient Care Centre Scheme.
4.	Treatment-cum-Propagation Centre Scheme for Naturopathy and Yoga.
5.	Published the 'Yogic Prakritik Jeevan Sandesh', a bilingual quarterly magazine in Hindi and English on Naturopathy and Yoga by the Central Council for Research in Yoga and j Naturogatliy, New Delhi.
6.	Published the 'Nisargopchar Vrata', a bilingual monthly magazine in Hindi and English on Naturopathy by the National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune.
7.	Publishes booklets on Yoga, Quarterly Newsletter regarding programmes of the Institute and Quarterly Journal "Yoga Vijnana".
8.	Materials for free distribution to public regarding Naturopathy and Yoga are being published. In addition, books, charts and equipment are also being sold in subsidized rate.

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9. National Awards in Naturopathy and Yoga given to promote talent and recognizsed contributions.

10. Annual activities such as National Yoga Week, National Seminar, Summer Yoga Camp, Student's Yoga Camp are being conducted.

11. Yoga Education and Training programme, regular Courses like Diploma in Yoga Science and Diploma in Yoga Therapy, Short Term Certificate Yoga Course for Working Groups and Yoga Training for individual in various offices/centres are being conducted.

12. Yoga Therapy Scheme such as (a) Advanced Centres for Yoga Education, Therapy and Research (b) Yoga Therapy and Research Centres in Tertiary Hospitals (c) Preventive Health Care Unit of Yoga in CGHS Dispensaries (d) Yoga Education and Therapy Centre at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Island (e) Yoga Education and Training Centre at District Hospital, Nellore, A. P.

13. The Yoga Research such as (a) Collaborative Research Work in yoga with Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre, New Delhi (b) Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (Yoga) and (c) Philosophic-Literary Research Work is being taken up.

14. One Year Treatment Attendant Training Courses in the field of Naturopathy is being conducted.

15. Re-orientation programme for practicing Naturopaths from all over India is being conducted.

16. Research Methodology Workshop and Continuous Medical Education programme for the Naturopathy graduates is being conducted.

17. Special workshop for women on 'Women Empowerment and Women Health' is being conducted.

18. Naturopathy Clinic, Yoga Classes, Health Shop, Diet Centre, Acupressure Clinic are being run for the public.

Failure to CCRUM to use allotted land

650. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) had got land from Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) on Lucknow-Kanpur highway for cultivation of Unani medicinal plants about 8 years back.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CCRUM could not use the said land for the stipulated purpose during this whole period and LDA has taken back that land;

(c) if so, what action is being taken against CCRUM for this failure; and

(d) the steps being taken to tone up the working of CCRUM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.